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Sir:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified patent application, and when the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application can be expected.

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Respectfully submitted,

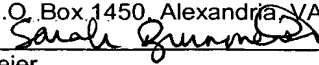

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